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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Notification Of A Defective Response dated 19 September 2001, Applicants submit herewith a new set of drawings in which the text in the drawings has been properly translated into English.

The Official action of 19 September 2001 stated that the previously filed translation was defective because the text in the drawings had not been translated. The enclosed new drawings are believe to clearly overcome this objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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